

**APPLICATIONS UNDER THE AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF
ACT—PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSAL**

33. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Honourable High Court has given any directions to the subordinate courts as to the procedure to be followed in the disposal of the applications made under the Agriculturists' Relief Act, so as—

(i) to secure uniformity of procedure in the various subordinate courts;

(ii) to expedite disposal of these applications;

(iii) to help the subordinate courts by giving suggestions to overcome the difficulties in the working of the Act?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) (i) No.

(ii) No.

(iii) No.

AERODROME ISLAND—PARTICULARS OF

34. Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the cost incurred for making the little island in the backwater, where an Aerodrome Flag was kept flying some time ago by the Harbour Authorities;

(b) is any revenue derived from the said island by the Government of Cochin?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) No separate account of the expenditure incurred for making the island is available. This work was carried out as a part of the Third Stage of the Cochin Harbour Works.

(b) No.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Is this the *Vimana Dweepu*?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Under whose jurisdiction is it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): A portion of it lies within Cochin jurisdiction and a portion in the British back-waters.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): May I know what is the area of this island?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Above 30 acres.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): How much of it will come under the respective jurisdictions?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): 6.35 acres in British and 25.49 acres in our territory.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Is there any boundary marks to delimit the respective areas?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): I do not think they are demarcated by stones.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Then how will you exercise jurisdiction?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): There is nothing to exercise there now.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Something may happen.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Then it will be considered.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): In the interests of the public, it should be done before anything happens. You should demarcate the boundary now itself.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): The boundary has already been determined. Demarcation by stones has not been effected. That is all.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Is there any map?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): There is a map prepared when the controversy was settled.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): May I know, Sir, whether any portion of the Island is ours?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. 25.49 acres.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): I want to know whether the Government have got proprietary right over this territory?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. They have got all rights pertaining to the exercise of jurisdiction.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon (*Cranganur*): I want to know whether the Cochin State is really the owner?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, they are the owners of 25.49 acres.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): Has the Government considered the difficulties of jurisdiction if this little island is demarcated? They can sell it for what it is worth and take something else. A small island to have two kinds of jurisdiction would create difficulties to the public.

Mr. President: It is very dangerous for anybody on the Cochin State side to raise the question in that form. It is very detrimental to our position.

Mr. A. B. Salem (*Mattancheri*): In future there will be many aeroplanes in Cochin State also. Every body now wants to fly in the air, so that our aeroplanes may go down there to land. That is why I am saying that we should know whether we are going into British or Cochin territory, because different rules may have to be observed. Therefore, I suggest that our Government may take over the whole reclamation so that the whole jurisdiction may be exercised by us.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്. പണിക്കർ : ഹാർബറിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച കൊച്ചിക്ക് ഇത്ര അധികാരം ഉണ്ടായിട്ട് മഹാരാജാവ് തിരുമനസ്സിലെ തിരുനാളിന് അവർക്ക് ഒരു ഫോളിയെ കൊടുക്കാത്തതെന്തുകൊണ്ടാണ്? അതു ഗവണ്മെന്റ് അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*): There are no people there.

Mr. President: Why don't you ask: "Why there are no people there?" (*Laughter*)

CENTRAL JAIL—PARTICULARS OF CONVICTS

35. **Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of convicts in the Central Jail at Trichur at the end of 1114;

(b) how many of them are women and how many children?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) 251.

(b) 6 women and 5 children (Juveniles).